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Dear Fellow Citizens:

Greetings from the Consular Section in Belgrade! We hope you are enjoying these newsletters, whether you're from Serbia and Montenegro, and that you find the information helpful. Since summer is finally in full swing, we've devoted this issue to summer holidays and travel. Read on for information about the upcoming July 4th parties in both Belgrade and Podgorica, to which you're all invited. You'll also find articles in this newsletter about travel and American Citizens Services.

We all wish you a relaxing, fun, and safe summer!

Betsy Lewis

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American Embassy Belgrade

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

June 19th, Sunday – Father's Day

July 4th, Monday – Independence Day (A)

July 13, Wednesday – Revolution Day (M)

July 14, Thursday – Revolution Day (M)

September 5, Monday – Labor Day (A)

Happy Birthday America

Independence Day celebrates the birthday of the United States of America. Founded July 4th 1776, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence, America is celebrating its 229th birthday this year.

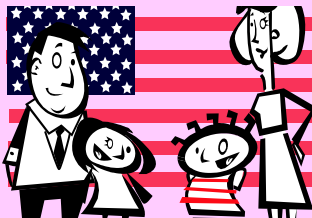
The 4th of July is a time for Red White and Blue. A time for Picnics and BBQs!!!

The Consulate's Fourth of July **4TH OF JULY BBQ PICNIC**

The U.S. Consulate Podgorica Community Liaison Office would like to invite all American citizens to our 2nd Annual 4th of July BBQ at the residence of Mr. Hoyt Yee, Principal Officer of U.S. Consulate Podgorica, at Vranjicke njive bb. This event is open to the entire American community, including all our colleagues, friends and family members. The celebration will start at 6 pm and will last until dark. We hope you will help us celebrate Independence Day by joining us for authentic American food and a variety of fun activities for all ages.

Please respond to vryabova@state.gov or TPodgorica1@usaid.gov or by calling 081/225-417 if you would like to come, and tell us how many family members/guests you plan to bring.

There will be food, drinks, games, and prizes. Fun for ALL! Ticket prices are 5 Euros for a single ticket and 10 Euros for a family ticket. All adults must have photo ID!



The Embassy's Fourth of July **Community Party**

Will be held on Monday, July 4, 2005 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Ambassador and Mrs. Polt's Residence, at Uzicka 44. Some of the activities planned are:

- Swimming
- Volleyball Tournament
- Face Painting
- Tennis Round Robin tournament
- A Special Visit by Ronald McDonald
- Watermelon Eating Contest
- Tug-of-War
- 4th of July Mini-parade for Kids

Food will be provided by McDonald's, and there will also be traditional American hotdogs, salads, chips, drinks, apple pie and ice cream.

Everything is included in the cost of the tickets, which will be sold at the entrance on the day of the party. The cost is 500 Dinars for a single ticket and 1000 Dinars for a family ticket. All adults must have photo ID!



Know Before you Go

Before you travel to other countries over the summer, check out the information for your destination at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html. At this address you can find current Consular Information Sheets for every country of the world. These include such information as: location of the U.S. embassy or consulate; visa requirements and any unusual immigration practices; health conditions; minor political disturbances; unusual currency and entry regulations; crime and security information; and drug penalties. If an unstable condition exists in a country that is not severe enough to warrant a Travel Warning, a description of the condition(s) may be included under an optional section entitled "Safety/Security."

By the way, we've received several inquiries from private Americans in our consular district asking us to assist their Serbian or Montenegrin spouses in obtaining tourist visas from other embassies in Belgrade. Unfortunately, this is not a service that we have the resources or authority to provide.

Outreach Visits

Berane



Plav



Outreach Visits to Berane/Plav and Bar/Ulcinj

The Consulate's Consular Office will be visiting the Warden districts of Berane/Plav and Bar/Ulcinj for informal lunch meetings in mid-July. The lunch is self-sponsored. We will send out invitations to wardens and American Citizens in these areas in the near future. Please let your friends, family and fellow Americans know about this visit and invite them to come as well. This will be a chance to register with the Consulate if you haven't already (please bring your original passport and a copy). These lunches will give you a chance to raise any issues you would like to. The Consulate hopes to continue similar outreach visits in the future.



Ulcinj



Bar

American Citizen Services

Consulate Podgorica has a New Area for Providing American Citizens Services. During his recent visit, Ambassador Polt approved a new area in Consulate Podgorica's second access control area for American Citizen Services. This area provides more space and a place to sit, and soon we hope to have more information available for American Citizens there. We also hope to be able to expand our services to better serve the American Community in Montenegro. Please note that the Consulate provides American Citizen Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 p.m.



Embassy Belgrade's American Citizen Services will be updating its computer system from July 6 until July 22. During the update, we will be available during normal working hours (2 p.m. - 4 p.m). However, we will not be available during other times for anything but emergency services. Due to the changes, please try to take care of non-emergency services either before or after that date.

Have a good summer!